

# <u>Do Not Pay Initiative:</u> <u>Unlocking Data Analytics to Reduce Waste, Fraud, and Abuse</u>

## **Description**

Agencies have been refining their capabilities to reduce improper payments, and as part of the Do Not Pay Initiative several agencies have had success using data analytics. This panel will discuss how agencies can map their payment processes using advanced analytic services to make decisions, improve efficiencies and detect improper payments.

#### Moderator

Brian Nichols, OMB

## **Panelists**

**Ronda Kent**, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Debt Management Services, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Treasury

**Ray Wedgeworth**, Director, Data Analytics and Systems Group, Center for Program Integrity, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Jim Konicki(bio), Director, Unemployment Insurance Integrity & Quality Control, NY Department of Labor



# **James Konicki**

James Konicki is the Director of Unemployment Insurance (UI) Integrity and Quality Control for the New York State Department of Labor. In his role he manages and coordinates the integrity, quality control, confidentiality, as well as reporting and analysis functions related to UI operations. He is responsible for the intergovernmental relationships with a focus on improving and enhancing UI capabilities. He develops and recommends legislation, regulation, strategies, initiatives, and relationships aimed at improving UI policies, processes, and procedures. Mr. Konicki oversees the National UI Integrity Center of Excellence for New York and is a member of the Federal-State Oversight Committee for the IRS-QETP program.

Mr. Konicki has been with the Department since 1991. Prior to assuming his current role he served as an auditor, associate auditor, a project assistant, manager of contribution collection operations, and oversaw the work of New York's Joint Enforcement Task Force on Employee Misclassification. Mr. Konicki held financial management and accounting positions in private industry and the not-for-profit sector prior to joining the Department.

Mr. Konicki holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Canisius College. He has served on the Board of numerous not-for-profit and charitable institutions and is a priest in the Polish National Catholic Church. He is married and has three children.